

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada



Highgrader

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The next outing will be at section 34 on May 19 and 20th.Directions to GSSN Section 34 Claim

Cross the Hoover Dam on US 93.

After passing the 41 mile marker in Arizona, turn left onto "Pearce Ferry Road". Drive through the town of "Dolan Springs". Make sure to obey the speed limit signs. The county sheriff is tough on speeding!!!!

Continue to about ½ mile past the 34 mile marker. Turn left onto the dirt road (look for the "GSSN" sign).

Our meeting place is a few hundred yards along this road.

The paved road crosses through our claim (see maps).

The "Meadview RV Park" is on the east (right) side of the paved road as you come to the 34 mile marker. They have cabins, RV, trailer, and tent spaces. And showers.

Phone 1-928-564-2662 or 1-888-775-2662

Web site: www.rv-park.com

Ask about club discount

MINUTES FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2012

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 6:30 PM. President Ian Thaler called the meeting to order and led in pledging allegiance to the flag. He welcomed all (80 signed in & there were 16 visitors). Dara gave the Treasurer's Report after which Fred Zajac made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read; Pam Goulder seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and it was approved. Ian reported that John Anderson filed papers in Kingman AZ relative to our not-for-profit status regarding property taxes on Mohave claims & thanked him for his help. Ian commented on our Pahrump outing at the Johnnie claim -- it was great: weather good & gold was found. Our next outing will be at the 28 claim on March 17 & 18. (Note: subsequently postponed to the following weekend) Potluck on Saturday and a brunch on Sunday (late morning). A sign-up sheet was provided. Next agenda item was a Show & Tell on Saturday, March 24th, at Desert Outfitters starting 9AM. The Gssn was asked to participate by the GPAA. A sign-up sign was also provided for those interested. Next, DeAnna Costen reported that the ID Committee had come up with a hang-tag suitable for showing membership while on claims (a sample was shown to the group) and the committee will make a presentation at the next meeting.

After a short break a representative of the Taylor Mine (at Taylor Mountain in Dolan Springs) who had been invited to the meeting by Dennis Johnson extended an invitation to the GSSN to come for an outing. He answered some questions (such as camping there, the still functioning stamp mill, etc. & said the website - TaylorMine.ws - could be checked out for further info. We'll get back to him through Dennis on this.

Next Fred told an interesting short story about gold and silver coins & then a member brought up the subject of finding a new venue for meetings due to some logistical parking concerns. A committee --consisting of Chuck Wherry (chair), Scott Broezell and Ian-- will be formed to research this. Following a short break, the raffles were held (results noted below).

At 8:10 PM Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Phillis Harding seconded & the meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee
Secretary
March 16, 2012

The 50/50 of \$63 was won by George Niederriter. Ron Huff won the \$19.03 door prize. Other winners were:

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| 1. Bucket organizer: Jim Hensen | 12. Black tool bag: John Anderson |
| 2. Arizona book: Chuck Wherry | 13. Task force 42-pc tool set: John Anderson |
| 3. Wine set/flashlite: Alan Shook | 14. Black pan/shovel/flashlite: John Roberts |
| 4. Globe/flashlite: Richard Gonzales | 15. Blue pan/vial/snifter: Morris Seguin |
| 5. Walking stick: Phillis Harding | 16. Bacon maker: Richard Gonzales |
| 6. Classifier: Ron Gagliano | 17. Adjustable rake: Alan Shook |
| 7. Folding shovel: Fred Josephs | 18. Yellow classifier: Steve Kaplan |
| 8. Mini classifier/vial/snifter: George Niederriter | 19. Mini shovel: Steve Kaplan |
| 9. Magnet: Fred Zajac | 20. Loop lighter: Mark Hedges |
| 10. Clay-be-gone: John Bronstein | 21. Desert Book: Richard Gonzales |
| 11. Socket set: Janet Schelling | 22. Walking stick: Ron Huff |
| | 23. T-shirt: Mark Hedges |

The GSSN met on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at the American Legion Hall in Henderson NV. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Ian Thaler. He led in pledging allegiance to the flag. Then he welcomed all to the meeting. There were 12 visitors who stood & gave their names and said where they were from and 78 people signed in. Dara gave the Treasurer's Report, and George made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read; Morris seconded the motion. All were unanimous in approving it.

Ian asked if anyone had found gold at the March outing - and many said that they had. Then Ian asked for volunteers for the April Gold & Treasure Show at South Point (Apr. 21-22) which will be our April outing. A sign-up sheet was provided. He thanked GPAA for inviting us to the March Show & Tell at Desert Outfitters and said we look forward to next year's event. He then showed the group a handcrafted magnet stick and passed it around along with a small vial of gold that was found in the parking lot at the March outing.

Next agenda item concerned filling in holes. It was stressed that common courtesy and good etiquette dictate that no open holes with ID markings should be left unattended for anything longer than overnight. The membership agreed to this. After a short break, Ian showed the group his "emergency" bag which contained various essential items one should have handy when prospecting. There were suggestions and comments--and a comment was made that it's best not to prospect alone. There was no new business. Under old business, the subject of ID hang tags for vehicles was discussed as was parking at the monthly meetings. An announcement was made that T-shirts (\$11 for most sizes & \$14 for 2X) and hats (\$12) are available and anyone interested can see Al Krause. After thanking those who made donations to the raffle, they were held and winners are noted below.

At 8:10 PM Mark Hedges made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Morris seconded. The meeting ended at that time.

Dolores Gee, Secretary
April 7, 2012

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Morris won the 50/50 (which coincidentally was \$50) & George Niederriter won the \$16.50 door prize.

Other winners were:

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| 1. Small blue pan w/vials...John Roberts | 12. Jewelers loup (20 power)...Richard Gonzales |
| 2. Walking stick...Randy Huffine | 13. Black shovel & vials...Merwick Black |
| 3. Lg. blue pan w/vials...George Niederriter | 14. Green scoop & vials...Richard Kettner |
| 4. Vial set...Phillis Harding | 15. Bucket organizer...Joe Deherrer |
| 5. Rock hammer...Charles Walker | 16. Placer gold book...Chuck Wherry |
| 6. Magnet...Fred Brenizer | 17. Mini classifier & vials...Tom Costen |
| 7. Small magnet...Richard Kettner | 18. Vise grips tools...Frank Calhoun |
| 8. Trifold shovel...Margie Deherrer | 19. Wine set/book...Jerry Lucas |
| 9. Med. blue pan w/vials...John Anderson | 20. Purple classifier & vials...Tom Costen |
| 10. Magnetic pick-up tool...Joan Burns | 21. Plastic water jug...Joe Denerrer |
| 11. Canvas water bag...Charlotte Foley | 22. Handcrafted stick magnet...(no name) |
| | 23. GSSN t-shirt...(Margie Deherrer) |

Classified Ads

The Gold searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc. is selling T-Shirts AND Hats. If you would like a T-Shirt or hat please contact Al Kraus, head of Merchandise.

We have T-Shirt sizes from small to XXL. In colors, white, grey and tan. Hats colors are black, red, forest green, white and tan Check with Al for your favorite color, and size.

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FINANCIALS FOR February, March, April 2012

**GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN
NEVADA**
Financial Statement February 2012

Balance forwarded & Interest	\$14,925.79
Income:	
Membership	\$ 1,635.00
Raffle	\$ 381.00
Merchandise	\$ 201.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,217.00</u>
Balance	\$17,142.79

Expenses:

Rent	\$ 88.00
Outings	\$ 10.00
Membership/Office	\$ 75.27
Club Equipment	\$ 500.00
Merchandise	\$ 80.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 753.27</u>
<i>Balance: Income less expense</i>	<i>16,389.52</i>

**GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN
NEVADA**
Financial Statement March 2012

Balance forwarded & Interest	\$16,391.46
Income:	
Membership	\$ 1,905.00
Raffle	\$ 292.00
Merchandise	\$ 308.00
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,505.00</u>
Balance	\$18,896.46

Expenses

Rent	\$ 88.00
Outings	\$ 200.22
Raffle	\$ 20.00
Membership/Office	\$ 10.40
Merchandise	\$ 243.72
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 562.34</u>
<i>Balance: Income less expense</i>	<i>\$18,334.12</i>

**GOLD SEARCHERS OF SOUTHERN
NEVADA**
Financial Statement April 2012

Balance forwarded & Interest	\$ 18336.32
Income:	
Membership	\$ 1,830.00
Raffle	\$ 299.50
Merchandise	<u>\$ 383.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,512.50
Balance	\$20,848.62

Expenses:

Rent	\$ 238.13
Outings	\$ 108.93
Raffle	\$ 378.92
Office/Membership	\$ 25.14
Club Property	\$ 100.00
Merchandise	\$ 798.54
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,649.66</u>
<i>Balance: Income less expense</i>	<i>\$ 19,199.16</i>

*Reminder from the Membership Chairman;
Please check your renewal date on your card.*

Please remember to carry your Membership Card with you while you are out on the claim...
Tags for your vehicles are in the process of being created for easy membership identification.
Thank you

Club Equipment can be checked out for use. There is a \$150.00 deposit for the equipment that is refunded upon return. Contact the Club President if you wish to check any equipment out.

Library materials can also be checked out. Contact Larry Clay, Club Librarian.

Prospecting in the Desert

Prospecting in the desert is a little different than in the “Mother Lode” country of California. Everything you have learned about streams and rivers is of little use here!!! We don’t get enough rain for the water to move the gold from where it originates.

When was the last time it rained enough to move much material? We got one of those 100 - year floods a few years ago, but when was the one before that?

We must think “Desert”. Not enough water over the years. Wind is the main reason for erosion. This takes many, many years. Hundreds of thousands of years. What was this area like back then? Maybe millions of years ago?

Most of the west – Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Montana – was a large inland sea. It stretched from Canada into Mexico. Over the millions of years it existed, there were wet and dry periods. I don’t mean one or two years but thousands of years at a time. As water dried up, the southern edge of this sea moved north and left all the minerals in smaller pools until they also dried up. These minerals formed the layers of caliche we find here. As the wet years returned, the water again covered the area. These wet years may have been hundreds or even thousands of years. This process repeated itself many times. This is why we see so many caliche layers on our claims.

Go to Lake Mead and see the bathtub ring around the shore. This happened over the few short years the lake was over full. If that ring can form over about 10 years, think how heavy the minerals are after thousands of years. This is what we have on our claims.

Gold will be found on bedrock. On our claims in Arizona, caliche is our bedrock. Most of the mountains were formed by seismic push-ups. We see volcanic bedrock at times. We may even see some limestone, sandstone, or granite bedrock areas. But caliche is the norm around here.

Our best gold will be found in or above the caliche layers. Always remember to sweep the bedrock clean. I have followed behind other prospectors and swept up some good gold after they were done. One of our members has been detecting the caliche layers and has found some nice gold deep inside the caliche layers.

Our Pahrump claim is more of the volcanic type of bedrock. I have seen very few caliche layers. Most of the harder rock layers seem to be of volcanic origin. Here we also have “Mineralized Areas”. Green tints indicate copper or silver oxidation. Reds and blacks indicate iron. Most of these minerals were formed under the same conditions as gold. Red, green, and black are typical colors for the minerals we find near gold. Bedrock layers near mineralized areas seems a good starting point.

Seismic activity is constantly going on in our area. If you were to see a seismograph in operation, it never stops moving here in our area. We cannot feel it but it’s there. With all this movement, over hundreds of thousands of years, the gold is going to vibrate down to the hardest layers (bedrock). This is why most of our finds are on bedrock. But, don’t forget to check below you for gold that has fallen recently and has not had a chance to vibrate any lower. If you find gold in the bottom of a wash in the “Easy Digging” sand, it probably came from just above you. Look up to see if there is an area of exposed bedrock. This may be the source and a bigger find.

More prospecting articles in future issues

George.....



Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

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Supporting Website:
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Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

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PROSPECTING VEHICLE

Vehicle _____ License# _____ State _____

I understand that as a member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Inc., I can run for office and Participate in the voting on all major policies and officer elections. I will also be able to attend all meetings and use the club claims, subject to the club By-laws. I can also use club equipment by appointment and check out books and video's from out extensive library.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I / we, the undersigned, (hereafter referred to as participant) assume all risk and/or hazards associated with participant's involvement in the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Inc., a prospecting club. Participants agree to indemnify and **HOLD HARMLESS** all club officers, sponsors, and/or other third, fourth, etc., parties involved in club activities. Participants realize that metal detecting, gold prospecting, and associated activities can be dangerous. The terrain can be hazardous and there may be wild or domesticated animals and snakes present. Some locations may have open shafts, pits, and tunnels. Participants assume animals and snakes present. Participants assume all responsibility by signing below.

SIGNATURE _____ DATED ____ / ____ / ____

CLUBS ONLY FUNCTION IF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

I/we will volunteer to assist in the areas checked. Please check at least one area.

COMMITTEES

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DUES ARE PAYABLE ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY DATE.

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Card # _____ Card Sent _____ Claims Book Sent _____

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